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June 8, 2007

Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, SW

Room 8-A204

Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC
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Sincerely,

Robert Haschemeyer

Adams Telephone Co-Operative

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Sincerely,

Melvin Robertson

KanOka Telephone Assn, Inc

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
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Sincerely,

Mike Grafton

McDonough Telephone Cooperative

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Sincerely,
Mike Petrouske - Madison Communications

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Sincerely,

Gene Barney

VP

Leaf River Telephone Co.

102 W 2nd St, P.O. Box 277

Leaf River, IL 61047

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C 1-815-262-7919

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Sincerely,

Judy Eaton

Egyptian Telephone

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Sincerely,

Gary G. Cantrell

Adams Telephone Co-Operative

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell

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Gary G. Cantrell

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Sincerely,

Ben Cox

McDonough Telephone

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rwschmidt@corp.hometel.com wrote on 6/13/2007 10:58:51 AM :

Dear Commissioner McDowell:

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Sincerely,

Richard Schmidt

Vice President

Home Telephone Co.

Saint Jacob, Illinois

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cclark@marktwain.net wrote on 6/14/2007 4:15:37 PM :

Ms. Marlene Dortch

Secretary, Federal Communications Commission

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I would like to thank and praise Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate for her outstanding leadership as chair of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (Joint Board) and for her eloquent testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee on June 12, 2007. I also would like to express my full support of the Joint Board's recommendation to place an interim, emergency cap on the amount of high-cost universal service support that competitive eligible telecommunications carriers (CETCs) will receive over the next 18 months. The Joint Board's proposed interim cap will secure the near-term sustainability of the high-cost Universal Service Fund (USF). This is a necessary first step toward long-term USF reform that must be taken to sustain affordable communications services for generations to come.

The proposed interim measure will relieve the rapidly growing pressure on the high-cost USF mechanism resulting from the explosive growth in CETC USF support. Adopting the 18-month interim CETC USF cap will provide the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) enough time to develop and implement long-term USF reform measures without risking the sustainability of the fund or public safety.

This is the best way to begin a process to preserve universal service for the benefit of all consumers. Without this critical interim action and the leadership of Commissioner Tate the benefits that universal service provides to consumers would be in serious jeopardy in the very near future. For these reasons, I urge Chairman Martin and Commissioners Capps, Adelstein and McDowell to support Commissioner Tate and adopt the Joint Board's proposed emergency, interim cap on CETC high-cost universal service support.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Clark

Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company

P.O. Box 68

Hurdland, MO 63547

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin

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Sincerely,

Matthew J. Boos

General Manager

Ponderosa Telephone

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Sincerely,

Pamela Leffringhouse

Education Coordinator

Adams Telephone Co-Operative

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JENNY LAWLER

ADAMS TELEPHONE CO-OPERATIVE

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Doug Stewart

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Thanks,

Randy J. Bunge

System Planner

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Sincerely,

Harry Rumler
Mid Century Telephone Cooperative

cc: *Chairman Kevin J. Martin*
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
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Sincerely,

Rachel Schmidt

rlschmidt@hometel.com

Marketing Manager

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Jennifer Haines McDonough Telephone Coop

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Sincerely,

Mark D. Irish, Vice President

La Harpe Telephone Company, Inc.

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Mike Still

Adams Telephone Co-Operative

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Catherine Calvert

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Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate

Federal Communications Commission

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Re: In the Matter of High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC
Docket No. 05-337; In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on
Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Tate:

I am writing to endorse the recommendation of the Joint Board on
Universal Service to place an interim, emergency cap on the amount
of high-cost universal service support that competitive eligible
telecommunications carriers may receive.

I appreciate your leadership and that of the other members of the
Joint Board and staff as you consider the difficult questions

associated with the distribution mechanism for universal service support.

We believe that this first step is the best way to begin a process to preserve universal service for the benefit of consumers. Without this critical action and leadership on the part of the Joint Board, the benefits that universal service provides to rural consumers would be in serious jeopardy.

Sincerely,

Sue Ellen Hodges

McDonough Telephone Cooperative

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Commissioner Michael J. Copps
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Sincerely,

Ryan Buehler

Adams Telephone Co-Operative

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